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VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING

IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOGENIC PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination in the above listed RCE, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8** 

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on May 13, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA:

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